

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 22 Weeks Ending 06/03/16



This report covers flu surveillance activities for the 28 counties that comprise Health Service Region 8: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Calhoun, Comal, De Witt, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, Lavaca, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Wilson, and Zavala.

Flu Activity:

Reports were received from 21 counties during this two-week period. Seven counties reported no flu or ILI activity.

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Four counties reported ILI activity only.

Nine counties reported flu by rapid test.

One county reported flu by PCR.

In Region 8, activity in week 21 was decreased from week 20.

Antiviral Resistance- No antiviral resistant flu reported in Region 8.

Variant Influenza Viruses- No variant or novel influenza viruses have been detected in Texas.

Pediatric Influenza Mortality

None this week.

Institutional Outbreaks and School Closures

No new outbreaks reported.

Summary

Influenza activity is low across the state of Texas. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of specimens positive for influenza and the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) decreased. No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. No ILI or influenza outbreaks were reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhinovirus/enterovirus—were detected in Texas during week 22.



